

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention includes common subject matter disclosed in U.S. Application Serial No. [_____] [to be assigned]] 10/038,985, entitled Steam Pressure Reducing and Conditioning Valve by the same inventor Hiroyuki Higuchi filed concurrently on [_____] January 4, 2003, under attorney docket number 52643-00351 USPT, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.